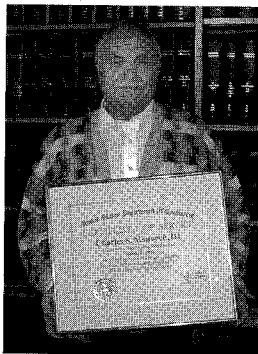


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**C**harles S. Manooch, III, retired in March 2002 after a career in fisheries that spanned 34 years. He began his professional career in 1968 working for the state of Florida, and his service with the federal government started in 1972 when he was on a student appointment pursuing his Ph.D. at North Carolina State University (NCSU). He had just finished his M.S. degree from NCSU working on striped bass in the Roanoke River system. Manooch has lots of great stories about his work on the Roanoke with Bill Hassler and fellow graduate student Bill Hogarth (now NOAA Fisheries director); these stories and his impressions of this watershed were published as a book *Spring Comes to the Roanoke* in 1979. Manooch's dissertation research was on life history aspects of red porgy in the U.S. South Atlantic. At the NOAA Beaufort Laboratory, he led the Reef Fish Team, was part of the team's fishery independent sampling program off North Carolina and South Carolina, and conducted the Charter Boat Survey in North Carolina for a number of years. His major research emphasis has been on age and growth of reef fish species. Manooch was one of the first members of the Plan Development team for Snapper Grouper, which started in the late 1970s. He contributed more than 100 peer-reviewed publications and reports and aged approximately 30 different species of fish. One of his most popular writings was the book *Fishermen's Guide to Fishes of the*



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*Southeastern United States*, with artist Duane Raver in 1984, which is now in its third printing.

Chuck Manooch served in a leadership role on many resource committees at the state and regional level. He served as president of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation and as co-chairman of the Roanoke River Water Flow Committee, which was instrumental in restoring the striped bass population back to healthy conditions in the Roanoke River. He also served as chair of the North Carolina Non-game and Endangered Species Committee, which worked to raise funds for pertinent research on key animals. Manooch was a member of the

North Carolina Moratorium Steering Committee, reviewing the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries fishery management policies and making recommendations for improvement to the agency. And, he was appointed by Governor Martin to a blue ribbon panel to establish environmental indicators for evaluating North Carolina air and water quality and their effects on local fauna and flora. Manooch was an active AFS member who served on various committees and was president of the Tidewater Chapter in 1994. When asked about his favorite accomplishment, Manooch said his work with the ad hoc Roanoke River Water Flow Committee was the most rewarding because "we started with nothing and ended with fantastic success in improving water quality and protecting wildlife resources in the watershed."

—Jennifer Potts